

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) ~~A~~ An automated method for processing immigration applications and enabling users such as prospective or recent immigrants to start, manage, and complete the immigration and associated processes on-line without involvement by any legal, professional or other service provider, the method comprising the following steps:

electronically accessing an ~~INS~~ government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an electronic computer network;

entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user;

electronically determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various ~~INS~~ procedures related to immigration and naturalization based on the preliminary screening and qualifying data of the user;

automatically selecting any of the various ~~INS~~ government immigration and naturalization forms which the user is required to fill out for initiating and completing the specific ~~INS~~ procedures related to immigration and naturalization for which the user is eligible ~~for~~;

~~entering the correct data required by the selected forms~~ automatically populating the selected forms with the correct data particular to the user; and

electronically sending the completed forms to ~~the~~ a particular agency according to the filing guidelines of the ~~INS~~ government, whereby any of the various ~~INS~~ government procedures related to immigration and naturalization ~~for~~ which the user is eligible for can be initiated, performed in part or completed without making administrative errors.

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Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
printing out the completed forms which need to be signed and transferred back to the ~~INS~~
government immigration and naturalization services center.

Claim 3 (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
making electronic payments for any required filing fees or costs.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically accessing
an ~~INS~~ government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an
electronic computer network includes logging onto the homepage of website accessible over the internet.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically accessing
an ~~INS~~ government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center system over an
electronic computer network is accomplished by a user through the use of a personal computer.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the following step:
automatically generating and providing the user with a set of detailed and personalized
instructions for initiating, performing in part or completing any of the various ~~INS~~ government
procedures related to immigration and naturalization for which the user is eligible.

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Claim 7 (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 in which the step of electronically determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various ~~INS~~ government procedures related to immigration and naturalization comprises ~~a comparison of~~ comparing the preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user to standards, rules and regulations followed by the ~~INS~~ government.

Claim 8 (original) The method of Claim 8 in which the step of entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user creates a user log containing the preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user.

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Claim 9 (new) An automated system for processing immigration applications and enabling users such as prospective or recent immigrants to start, manage, and complete immigration and associated processes on-line without involvement by any legal, professional or other service provider, the system comprising:

an electronic computer network

a government immigration and naturalization application and servicing center;

means for electronically accessing the government application and servicing center over the electronic computer network;

a graphical user interface for entering preliminary screening and qualifying data particular to the user;

means for electronically determining the eligibility of the user for initiating and completing any of the various government procedures related to immigration and naturalization based on the preliminary screening and qualifying data of the user;

means for automatically selecting any of the various government forms which the user is required to fill out for initiating and completing the specific government procedures related to immigration and naturalization for which the user is eligible;

means for automatically entering the correct data required by the selected forms into the selected forms; and

means for electronically sending the completed forms to a particular agency according to the filing guidelines of the government, whereby any of the various government procedures related to immigration and naturalization which the user is eligible for can be initiated, performed in part or completed without making administrative errors.

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